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Dear Commissioner Henney:

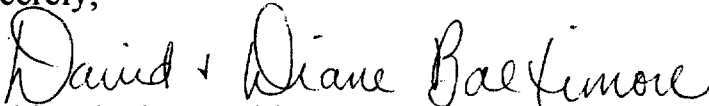
We are writing to support permanent mandatory labeling of irradiated foods with a disclosure statement and the radura symbol.

We believe labeling of irradiated foods is essential to protecting our right to make an informed choice about the food we buy. We object to any proposal to reduce the size of the disclosure statement and radura or move the labeling to a less conspicuous part of the food packaging or produce displays. We also believe that labeling should be required for foods containing irradiated ingredients, as well as foods in their whole form.

Also, changing the terminology of labeling to "cold pasteurization" or other names to replace "treated by irradiation" or "treated with radiation" would be misleading to consumers who have become familiar with irradiation labeling in place since 1986.

Including an expiration date for labeling irradiated foods would essentially eliminate my right to choose the types of products we purchase. Again, we strongly support prominent and permanent labeling of all irradiated foods.

Sincerely,


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